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Editorial

LET'S GET GOING!

The nation was completely worn out by the long debate on the Lend-Lease Bill, and is glad the debate is over. The public was not interested in the academic debate. The Man On On The Street saw the issue as whether one was for Germany or Britain.

We were for passage of the bill, and now that it is law, we suggest the slogan:

"Let's Get Going!"

The United States is so far committed to British victory, that no effort must be spared to see that Hitler does not win in 1941. That's the pressing problem. We may have to purchase time for Britain by stripping our own war machine.

If the time is ripe now for a great display of patriotism. We want no labor rows, strikes, nor exploitation by capital under the guise of emergency requirements. We want and we must have, a united America.

We lead and are grateful for the attitude of Mr. Weddell Willkie and a number of other leading Republicans. They are placing democracy above partisanship. We call for the same spirit of patriotism from John L. Lewis and Burton Wheeler. The die has been cast. It is "all-out" for Britain and her noble battle for democracy.

God Bless America!

FREE PARKING

When you are debating where to do your shopping, consider what it means to have plenty of free parking space available within a few short steps of where you make your purchases. Appomattox has shied away from stringent parking regulations. We haven't installed green and red traffic lights. We have few stop signs. This policy makes for convenience and economy. Don't abuse these conveniences by failing to be considerate of the other fellow. You are welcome to use the streets of Appomattox for parking, parkings as you like free of charge. But don't, by being a "parking-hog," abuse the privilege so that more rigid regulations will have to be made.

BETTER, BUT NOT YET ADEQUATE

How could a legislative reapportionment plan be satisfactory which gives only one district out of 40 an additional senator, and shifts only seven House districts out of 100, when there has been no redistricting since 1922? The tentative plan proposed by the legislative commission leaves a number of bad situations untouched.

A few examples should suffice. Richmond City, it is true, will get an extra member of the House, if annexation goes through and its population rises to around 205,000. If not, Henrico County will get the extra member. But with 26,000 as the ideal population unit for each House district, Richmond is clearly entitled to at least one extra delegate anyway, or a total of seven. The city's population is over 190,000, even without annexation, and seven times 26,000 is 182,000. Richmond is entitled to eight delegates, if annexation prevails. (The city's senatorial representation, on the other hand, is adequate.)

Take the fact that no changes whatever have been proposed by the commission for the correction of the senatorial inequities west of Roanoke. The Tazewell-Buchanan-Russell district, with practically 100,000 people, still has only one senator under the plan, while Westmoreland, King George, Northumberland, Richmond and Lancaster counties on the Northern Neck, with slightly over 40,000 people, also have one senator. (True, the disparities were even worse, prior to the formulation of the new plan, but they are bad enough, even now.

—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Britain says she has enough men to man any and all warships and planes America will send her.

British claim one of their submarines sank an Italian cruiser this week.

Despite threat of immediate German invasion, Greeks press attack against Italians in Albania.

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VALUE OF A BALL TEAM

It would cost the town of Appomattox many THOUSANDS of dollars to buy the publicity for itself that last year's Skyline league championship team got for the town, virtually for nothing. It is not to be expected that a ball team could be so successful every year. Last year's team not only won the Skyline title, but won a play-off series and then won the Virginia semi-pro championship. Appomattox's fine ball team was heralded for hundreds of miles. But, even if granted that the 1941 team may not win so many titles, the value of a good baseball club to the town and county should be considered when time to support the team's sponsors arrives. Just now the management of the 1941 team is getting ready for this year's play, and may even find it necessary to withdraw from the Skyline league and either play independent ball or organize a new league. We ask the public to give support to the baseball team's management, and let's produce another winner!

IT MOUNTS UP

Berlin once more serves notice that 80,000,000 people fighting for their national existence will never hesitate to make all necessary measures to insure that end.

Seventy million Germans fighting for their national existence did not hesitate to snatch Austria and Sudetenland; and they were 80,000,000.

Eighty million Greater Germans fighting for their national existence did not hesitate to throttle the Czech republic; and then they were 80,000,000 Greater Germans plus 8,000,000 Czech serfs.

Eighty million Greater Germans fighting for their national existence plus their control over 8,000,000 Czechs did not hesitate to strangle Poland; and then they were 80,000,000 Greater Germans plus 15,000,000 Czech and Polish serfs.

Eighty million Greater Germans fighting for their national existence plus their control over Czech and Polish serfs did not hesitate to take under their protection close to 100,000,000 Scandinavians, Hollanders, Belbians, Rumanians, Bulgarians, among them 40,000,000 Axis-partner Italians; and then they were 180,000,000 masters and serfs.

That would seem to be sufficiently large number of people under one boss to insure national safety, but not at all. Eighty million master Germans plus 100,000,000 serfs are still busy fighting for the existence of the said 80,000,000 Greater Germans. In other words, it is beginning to look as if, with something like 2,000,000,000 people in the world, the said 80,000,000 Greater Germans will continue to fight on new fronts for their national existence indefinitely.

—From New York Times.

WHY NOT GET RID OF BROOMSEDGE?

(From Rockbridge County News)

Some sections of Rockbridge are becoming yellow with broomsedge. It is a pity that limestone soil that brings such fine blue grass should be allowed thus to go to waste. Not only is this a loss to the community but it is very disfiguring to the beauties of our county. We are accustomed to look for the green of the pastures to the blue of the mountains, and this drab yellow eliminating the wasting of valuable crop producing ground, gives the offensive and erroneous impression of a barren land.

This hardy plant can be gotten rid of, according to the authorities at Blacksburg. We are told when it is tender and young, it can be readily cut. The eradication program calls for fertilization, grazing and mowing. Fertilizer and lime build up the fertility of the soil as the first step. But this is not enough, for to stimulate the broomsedge as well as the lespedeza, timothy and blue grass. The sedge must be grazed or cut closely so it will not spread. The average broomsedge plant lives from two to five years. It only produces itself only from seed, and if not allowed to go to seed, it will die and be replaced by the more desirable plants that will, with fertilization, crowd it out.

GROVER CLEVELAND

March 17 will be the one hundred and fourth anniversary of the birth of Grover Cleveland. He was a great Democrat, a great President, a great citizen. Americans can gain much perspective these troublous times by studying his life.

Fortunately, this generation is in better position to understand his true character and the significance of his work than were his contempories. He is taking shape in history and his figure grows.

He was called to national responsibility when the Democratic party became the medium for reconciliation between the North and South. The old wound was healing. The Democratic party had strong representation in both North and South; the Republican party was of the North. Though he issues were not drawn on those lines, the permanent result of national unification achieved through the election of Cleveland, the Democrat, overshadows all other accomplishments of his administration.

And yet, notwithstanding the partisan storms that raged around him, Grover Cleveland was not a party man as that term would now be understood. Elihu Root once wrote of him:

"He was a party man without answering to the ordinary conception of a politician. He belonged to a party as a natural incident to the business of citizenship. . . . But he never was a political leader in a personal sense and he never tried to be one. He never tried to collect about himself any group of followers who would promote his fortunes in the expectation that he would promote theirs."—From Winchester Star.

MIGHTY SINGAPORE

Since the situation in the Far East has become more acute, interest in that region has been largely centered about Singapore, Britain's great naval base and key to southeastern Asia and the East Indies.

The development of Singapore as a naval stronghold was begun in 1925 and involved an expenditure of more than 150 million dollars. It was formally opened on February 14, 1938, when three United States cruisers took part in the ceremonies.

The protected base is capable of accomodating practically half of the British navy, and has the second largest floating dock in the world, besides a floating dock that will take vessels of 50,000 tons. The tidal basin has nearly a mile of wharf walls, with water depths of from 30 to 40 feet alongside. There the immense ammunition and supply depots, railroad sidings, and reservoirs for a million tons of fuel oil.

There is a large air base and a normal army garrison of 10,000 men, some of whom are detailed to man the elaborate system of coastal defenses, which include batteries of 16 and 18 inch guns, besides many smaller cannon, anti-aircraft and machine guns.

While Britain does not have a large force of warships at Singapore at present, it is likely that this mighty base would be used by a portion of the American fleet in the event that it becomes necessary for Britain and the United States to resist Japanese aggression by force of arms. —From Peninsula Enterprise.

BOMBS VS. SNORES

A poll of Britain, conducted by the British counterpart of the American Gallop Poll, reveals that: Englishmen are not losing much, if any, sleep because of the bombings of the luftwaffe.

Most of those questioned reported they were managing, comfortably, to secure their seven or eight hours of sleep per night and the chief reaction to the interruptions in Morpheus' realm was a desire that the R. A. F. should wake up the folks in Germany a little more frequently.

Often the battle of bombs vs. snores goes on in England with the bombs, apparently making a poor showing so far. Of course, no one will deny that the explosion of a half-ton bomb in one's immediate vicinity is apt to arouse one from the deepest slumber. Yet the human can adapt himself to almost any circumstances and many Englishmen today are sleeping soundly under conditions impossible for somnolence a few months ago.

And the side of the snores has one invaluable ally. The proverbial phlegmatic attitude of your average Briton. He is hard to arouse in more senses than one, and it takes an awful disruption to interfere with the way of life installed by ancestors of many generations gone.

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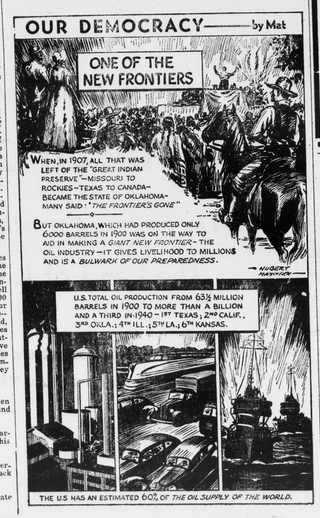

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Number of Gardens On Increase in Va.

Last year there were more vegetables grown by the farmers in Virginia than could be distributed, according to the Virginia county agents, and the outlook for 1941 indicates that even more will be grown. There is some danger of an hysterical movement to plow up flower gardens and parks to plant vegetables, regardless of their chance of growing, for defense gardens, which will only throw out an organized and adjusted national industry. On the other hand, the National Garden Bureau states that seed for market gardens is two or three times as expensive as last year and labor is much higher, so there will undoubtedly be a substantial rise in the cost of market vegetables.

To encourage people with gardening skill to grow some vegetables at home the following directions are advised.

A good garden soil is mellow and loamy in texture, not packed hard as deep, free from stones and rubbish, fairly level, well drained, and preferably on a south or southeast sloping, where it gets at least six hours full sun a day. Run the rows north and south, as plants will shade one another less and make more rapid growth. If the line has not been applied within three years, the proposed vegetable garden will be benefited by a dressing. Ground limestone can be applied at any time and any season. Hydrated lime should be applied when the ground is worked. Twenty-five pounds of ground limestone can be put on every 1,000 square feet or 25 pounds of hydrated lime for the same area. This is, of course, only a very general rule. It is wise to get your county agent to test a sample of soil for acidity and to buy exact recommendations. Early planting and constant cultivation are strongly recommended.

Quantities must, of course, vary according to taste, but in preparing the following directions, each row is presumedly 25 feet long and the amounts listed for a family of five. Only small vegetables have been listed.

Carrots— Recommended varieties, Goldinhart or Red Cord Chatenay. Sow seed thinly one-quarter-inch deep as soon as ground can be worked. Thin later to one and one-half inches. Carrots take almost 90 days to reach maturity, and if wanted small, they can be pulled somewhat earlier. They attain marke size in 120 days and will keep in proper storage, indefinitely. They will not deteriorate by being left in the ground. One row would be enough for summer use.

Beets— Detroit Dark Red is the best all-round variety. Cultural directions are same as for carrots. Thin to two and one-half inches. Develop in about 60 days and last two to three weeks before becoming woody. Plant, unlike carrots, successive plantings are recommended. Plant one row in mid- April, one in mid-May and one in mid-June. If beets are desired for winter storage, plant about July 1. One package sows 25 feet. An ounce sows 100 feet.

Lettuce— Black Seed Simpson is recommended variety. Directions are for leaf lettuce only. Start planting (no more than 10 feet) at two weeks' intervals from time ground can be worked until June 1. This will give a good table supply. Lettuce dislikes heat so plantings should be discontinued until nights become cool (early in August). As between better in cool weather, these later rows should be longer (20 feet). Plantings after September 1 seldom amount to much. One package will sow 50 feet. One ounce sows 300 feet.

Tomatoes— it is recommended to buy plants and set them out in well-enriched soil, two feet apart, with three feet between rows. These plants should be staked, and, if well grown, the yield should be about 18 tomatoes on each plant. Five-foot stakes should be set firmly before plants are put out. Plants should be set deep to give stalks added strength. If plants are normal size, pruning is not advisable; if they are overgrown, it is beneficial to prune back to normal proportions when they are set out. Keep the main stalk tied firmly to the stake. Tomatoes can be planted as soon as the danger from frost is over. Pritchard and Marglobe come later. Both are excellent varieties, and are advised for the main crop. Tomatoes thrive in hot weather, but tend to become woody at the nights grow cool. Those set out in mid-May should be giving ripe fruit within two months.

Cabbage— Variety Copenhagen is recommended. It is better to buy plants for a small garden. Set plants 18 inches apart in rows three feet apart. Cabbages should develop about 30 days after planting. To prevent attacks of cabbage worm, plants should be dusted with slug-shot every 10 days from the time they are set out. Plants may be set out as soon as the ground is workable and at intervals thereafter. —Peninsula Enterprise.

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MR. JAMES LEWIS CLARK DIED SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Mr. James Lewis Clark died at his home near Evergreen on Saturday afternoon, March 8, at one o'clock. He was born in this county on June 14, 1855, the son of the late Thamos and Martha Lee Clark. He lived his entire span of life in the house in which he was born. He married Mildred Henry Fleshman, by whom he is survived. He was a member and a deacon of the Evergreen Bap ist church. In addition to his widow, he is survived by the following children: Mrs. C. T. Evans, Evergreen. Mrs. J. M. Harvey, Route 1, Appomattox; Mrs. R. H. Taylor, Lewisburg, W. Va. and Mrs. E. L. Harvey, Route 1, Appomattox.

Funeral services were held from the Stone Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, with interment in the family cemetery. Services were conducted by the Rev. C. A. Collins. Members of the Evergreen Baptist church choir sang "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again."

Flower bearers were the following grand-children: Jimmie Harris Mathis Harvey, Mary Harvey, Peggy Hughes Harvey, Lee Harvey, Josephine Harvey, Clark Evans, Lewis Tucker Evans and Elizabeth Taylor.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. D. A. Christian, Joe Paulette, Hunter Martin, Phil Paulette, Walker Jennings, Cal Ronson, Clinton Cawthorne, Elijah Featherston and members and Clarence S. McDearmon.

Active pallbearers were: R. J. Wright, C. Paulette, H. B. Cralle, Z. V. Harvey, B. C. Richardson and J. M. Harvey.

We extend deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

DATES SET FOR ANNUAL WINCHESTER FESTIVAL

Winchester, Va., March 12.- Members of the Shenandoah Apple Blossom festival executive committee must have felt that spring was just around the corner here last Friday when, in spite of a driving snow that blanketed this section, they met and set May 1-3 as the dates for this community's annual blossom fete.

While he weather was anything but spring-like, the committee's action was heralded as an indication that the next calendar season at least was on its way.

This is one of the earliest festival dates ever been announced, shattering last year's precedent of setting them six weeks in advance of the celebration.

Fixing the dates this far in advance was described by festival authorities as necessary to make final arrangements with leading orchestras for the festival's "name" band dances held on each night of the festival.

Set ing of the dates gave new impetus to festival preparations which have been under way here for the past month.

Plans for a small garden. Set plants 18 inches apart in rows three feet apart. Cabbages should develop about 30 days after planting. To prevent attacks of cabbage worm, plants should be dusted with slug-shot every 10 days from the time they are set out. Plants may be set out as soon as the ground is workable and at intervals thereafter. —Peninsula Enterprise.

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WPA REPORT

The Virginia WPA has carried out projects of roads, public buildings, airports, water systems and the like, totaling $82,474,778, since it began in July 1935, an official report shows. Of the total, $1,909,455 came from Federal sources, and $20,565,434 was contributed by sponsors of the various projects. As many as 40,000 persons have been given employment by the Virginia organization at one time, the report indicates.

This newspaper was established in 1892.

United States orders closing of two Italian consulates in this country.

March 31 Deadline For AAA Applications

March 31 is the deadline for signing ACP applications for payment under the 1940 Agricultural Conservation program, and farmers who do not attend to this matter on time will lose the payment they would otherwise receive, says S. A. Cassell, state AAA executive officer.

The regulations say that payments will be made only upon applications submitted through the county office on or before the closing date. It has been pointed out that some county offices have applications ready to submit for payment, except that farmers have not responded to the request to come in and sign them. Any producer eligible for payment for participation in the 1940 Agricultural Conservation program who has not filed an application should be sure to call at the county AAA office and file his application before March 31.

If he application a farmer submits is for payments he has earned on his farm by participating in the 1940 program, Mr. Cassell says. As sally it is a record of performance under the program, which includes payments for approved soil building practices, and also payments for planting within his specific acreage allotments.

An estimated 91,700 Virginia applications are expected under the 1940 Program, of which 82,246 had been received in the state office as of February 25. Those applications will involve about four million dollars, less the amount spent for lime and superphosphate that farmers requested in lieu of payments.

DEFENSE TOTAL HIGH

National defense contracts and expenditures up to February 1 amount to more than $768,654,000, Brigadier General James A. Anderson, coordinator for the State Defense Council, has revealed.

General Anderson stated that Virginia's State and regional defense councils will cooperate to the fullest possible extent in an effort to see that idle plant facilities in this state are drawn into the defense program.

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TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

Deaths from tuberculosis in Virginia dropped from 1,696 in 1939 to 1,550 in 1940, the State Bureau of Vital Statistics has reported. Deaths from influenza and pneumonia rose by 142, from 2,398 to 2,540, during the same period.

Annual apple blossom festival at Winchester will be held in early May this year.

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FINANCIAL TANGLES SUBJECT OF STUDY

Charlottesville, Va. March 12.- (Extension Division)- "Only thirty or forty years ago," says Kenneth C. Masterer, of the American Institute of Farm Economic Research, "one's financial problems were relatively simple, and were concerned primarily with the ownership of a home and perhaps other investments that presented similar problems. Today, there are many more financial pitfalls; and, in order to avoid them one must have at least an elementary knowledge of the financial hazards incident al to the ownership of a car and its insurance, the ownership of stocks or other securities, life insurance contracts, and other modern forms of property. Even many experienced business men are seriously handicapped by inadequate information regarding personal financial problems of great importance," says Mr. Masteller, referring not to involved legal problems that only a city lawyer can be expected to handle, but to simpler financial facts and relationships, and he adds, "It is of the utmost importance that both the husband and wife in every family have a working knowledge of certain elementary financial principles."

To supply this basic knowledge, the Institute, a non-political, non-commercial organization, has published a booklet called "How to Avoid Financial Tangles," written by Mr. Masteller, who has been an independent financial counselor, before that was in the trust department of a large western bank, and is now an associate member of the Institute's staff.

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